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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 47 has been amended to clarify the features of the present invention whereby in the first operation mode the display range and the display magnification of the image in the moving image mode are variable as an angle of view of the image displayed on the display section is changed, and whereby in the third operation mode the display range and the display magnification of the image in the moving image mode are variable as an angle of view of the image displayed on the display section is changed based on the recording range of the image in the still image imaging mode.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 47-48 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of newly cited US 2001/0030654 ("Iki"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

Iki discloses an image processing apparatus which enlarges or reduces an entire moving image in accordance with a window display size. For example, as shown in Figs. 8 and 9 of Iki, the live image displayed on the left window 141a in Fig. 8 may be displayed on the right window 141b in Fig. 9, without changing the angle of view. However, in Iki, the moving image cannot be enlarged/reduced with the change of the angle of view. Therefore, the display range of the moving image cannot be varied. That is, in Iki, since the display range of the moving image is fixed to the entire image range and is simply displayed in accordance with the window size or display size, the display range of the moving image cannot be changed arbitrarily (i.e., by selecting a range to be displayed from the entire image range) and substantially enlarged. Therefore, with the image processing apparatus and method of Iki, it is difficult to perform highly accurate framing and focusing.

By contrast, according to the present invention as recited in clarified amended independent claim 47, enlargement/reduction of the moving image is performed as the angle of view of the image displayed on the display is changed based on the recording range of the still image. In other words, with the structure of the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 47, the display range of the moving image can be selected, and the image can be enlarged/reduced and displayed on the display in

accordance with the display range. Therefore, even though the display size (window size) may be small, moving images within any display range can be substantially enlarged, and highly accurate framing and focusing can be easily performed.

It is respectfully submitted that Iki does not at all disclose, teach or suggest the above described structural features and advantageous effects of the present invention as recited in clarified amended independent claim 47, and that amended independent claim 47 and claim 48 depending therefrom clearly patentably distinguish over Iki under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

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